

House Resolution No. 2138

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental employees who have demonstrated unquestionable courage and astute decision-making abilities when faced with unexpected challenges and situations in life; and

Whereas, Phillip Crandall of Jefferson City, Missouri, is a Corrections Officer I at the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on May 28, 1996, CO I Crandall has earned distinction for his activities while on duty during the afternoon of Sunday, December 29, 2002; and

Whereas, when alerted to a stabbing in Housing Unit 3A, CO I Crandall and four other officers responded to the scene to find a victim and a perpetrator who was still armed with an icepick-type weapon; and

Whereas, CO I Crandall and a colleague stepped between the two offenders to stop the assault, after which another officer secured the victim and removed him from the scene and two other officers disarmed the second offender without serious injury to any of the involved parties; and

Whereas, the calm, timely, and skillful intervention in a dangerous situation in all likelihood saved the life of the stabbed offender and reflects great credit upon the training of Officer Phillip Crandall; and

Whereas, CO I Crandall will be recognized by the Missouri Department of Corrections on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, when it grants him a Director's Award of Valor for performing outstanding or heroic services, particularly in lifesaving or life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, Phillip Crandall also deserves note of his many other successes in life as a Gulf War veteran who is retired from the Army; holder of an Associate's degree from Central Texas College; and the father of Phillip Crandall, II, and Stanley Crandall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute CO I Phillip Crandall during Corrections Employee Week and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions on December 29, 2002, which undoubtedly saved a human life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Corrections Officer I Phillip Crandall of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2138, adopted April 23, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker